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The Missouri Ethics Commission at its July 15, 2004, meeting took the following action:

1. Adopted two opinions.

a. Requested by Mr. Erik Greathouse, regarding loans to candidate committees: The Commission opined that candidates may loan their candidate committee any amount that the candidate desires. Also, a candidate may loan jointly owned marital funds to the committee.

b. Requested by Mr. Troy Nash, regarding conflict of interest issues.

2. The Commission also reviewed 21 complaints and audits, ruling as follows:

Violations of section 130.031.8 alleging "No paid for by" statement on printed material. These complaints were closed and letters of admonition were transmitted to the respondents advising them of the requirements of Chapter 130, RSMo.

E4087 – Concerned Citizens for a Quality Board of Education, Greene County

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E4091—Arnold Imperial Leader, Jefferson County

E4092 – Jefferson County Journal, Jefferson County

E4093 – Ad Express, Jefferson County

E4094 – The Rock, Jefferson County

E4096 – Bevell Insurance Agency, Inc., Jefferson County

E4098 – St. Louis PreSort, St. Louis County

E4101 – Greg Grounds, Jackson County

R4175 – R. C. Holst, Howard County

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E4105 – Dale Eldridge, Cass County

A violation of section 130.031.8 alleging "No paid for by" statement on printed material and failure to file campaign disclosure reports, resulted in a case being referred to the Office of the Attorney General.

E3531 – Citizens for Truth, Taney County

The following two complaints alleged an additional violation of "Failure to form a committee" (section 130.021.5 RSMo). These were also closed with a letter of admonition.

E4106 – Calico/Sierra Coalition of Parents and Homeowners, Cass County

E4085 – Johnny Joe Rizzo, Jackson County

A complaint alleging violation of "Failure to form a committee" (section 130.021.5 RSMo.) was referred to the Office of the Attorney General.

A4178 Francis Wildhaber, St. Louis City

A complaint alleged a violation of section 130.011(10) RSMo., a candidate can not form, control or direct a continuing committee. A letter was sent informing the respondent of the statutory requirement.

C4047 Tom Brown, St. Charles County

The following two complaints alleged an additional violation of "Exceeding the expenditure limit of \$1000. (Section 130.016, RSMo). Letters were transmitted informing the respondents of their statutory responsibilities.

E4107--- Leon Roderick, Webster County

E4104--- David Willson, St. Louis County

Two complaints alleged violation of Section 130.032 RSMo, exceeding campaign contribution limits. Letters were transmitted informing the respondents of their statutory responsibilities.

E4095 – Rock Community Local 2665, Jefferson County

E4097 - Firefighters to elect Cathy Wooldridge, St. Louis County

This Complaint also alleged formation of an improper committee type.

Two complaints alleging failure to file a proper campaign disclosure report were closed with a letter of admonition.

E4010 Citizens for Responsible Development, St. Louis County

E4102 – Noel Torpey, Jackson County

Three complaints involving allegations of use of taxpayer funds for publication of political material were reviewed and two were closed and one was referred to the Office of the Attorney General.

Closed:

E4099 – Fox C-6 School District, Jefferson County

E4100 – Friends of Fox, Jefferson County

Referred to Attorney General:

E4090 – Francis Howell RIII School District, St. Charles County

A complaint alleging use of person's position for financial gain (Section 105.454 RSMo) was closed.

E4089 – Dr. Richard Musser, Ripley County

A complaint alleging failure to disclose certain information on the financial disclosure statement was referred to the Office of the Attorney General.

E4103 -- John L Bowman, St. Louis County.

Two complaints alleging violations of Section 130.031.3 and 130.032.7 RSMo., concealing identity of actual contributor and acceptance of excess contributions, were closed.

E4128 – Holden for Governor Committee, St. Louis County

E4123 -- Bob Holden, Holden for Governor Committee and Mark Abels, St. Louis County

A complaint alleging a violation of Section 130.041.1(3)(F) RSMo., regarding failure to provide a full disclosure of information pertaining to a loan to a candidate committee was closed with a letter indicating that certain information should be included on the disclosure report.

E4132 – Claire McCaskill, St. Louis County

The Commission conducted a hearing regarding the failure to comply with certain campaign finance disclosure statutes and concluded that there were violations and the Commission entered judgment against the respondent.

A3162 – Carlton Jones, St. Louis County. Mr. Jones was assessed a penalty of \$8250.